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SUBJECT: MEETING OF WORKING GROUP ON WHO SPECIAL PROGRAM ON TROPICAL DISEASES, JULY 7-8, 1976

REF: A GENEVA 5355; B GENEVA 5407

1. FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL POINTS BEYOND THOSE REPORTED REFTELS  
EMERGED IN COURSE SUBJECT MEETING, WHICH ENDED JULY 8. (SET  
OF WORKING PAPERS WHICH PROVIDED BASIS FOR DISCUSSIONS, TO WHICH  
REFERENCES ARE MADE BELOW, POUCHED WASHINGTON JULY 7.)

### A. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

GROUP REACHED CONSENSUS ON ESTABLISHMENT OF THREE BODIES,  
WITH FUNCTIONS ESSENTIALLY AS OUTLINED IN WORKING PAPER 1. TOP  
SUPERVISORY BODY WOULD BE JOINT COORDINATING BOARD (JCB), COM-  
POSED OF CONTRIBUTING GOVERNMENTS AND AGENCIES (INCLUDING LDC'S  
WHICH ACTUALLY CONTRIBUTE TO PROGRAM); PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES  
(I.E., LDC'S INVOLVED IN PROGRAM BUT NOT CONTRIBUTING RESOURCES);  
AND THE CO-SPONSORS (UNDP, WHO AND POSSIBLY THE WORLD BANK).

GROUP DECIDED AGAINST INCLUDING "ASSOCIATED PARTIES" IN  
JCB MEMBERSHIP ON GROUND THIS WOULD MAKE BODY TOO UN-  
WIELDY. SECOND BODY WOULD BE A STEERING COMMITTEE (SC)  
COMPOSED OF TWO REPRESENTATIVES EACH FROM THE "CONTRIBUTING-  
AND "PARTICIPATING" CATEGORIES OF JCH MEMBERSHIP PLUS ONE  
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REP FROM EACH CO-SPONSOR. THIRDLY, THERE WOULD BE A 12-15

MEMBER SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (STAC)  
WHOSE MEMBERS WOULD BE NOMINATED BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL  
OF WHO AFTER APPROPRIATE CONSULTATIONS AND WHO WOULD SERVE  
AS INDIVIDUALS. IT WAS AGREED THAT STAC MEMBERSHIP WOULD  
BE BROADLY REPRESENTATIVE (I.E., PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERTS,  
ECONOMISTS, ETC. AND NOT JUST BIOMEDICAL RESEARCHERS).

B. FINANCIAL ISSUES

WORKING PAPER 3 WHICH DEALS WITH SOURCES AND TYPES  
OF POSSIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS AND HOW THEY MIGHT BE HANDLED  
CAME IN FOR CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION. DR. LUCAS ASKED THAT  
TO MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS SHOULD BE IN CASH  
AND UNRESTRICTED (EITHER TO WORLD BANK ADMINISTERED FUND,  
IF IT COMES INTO BEING OR TO WHO VOLUNTARY FUND FOR HEALTH  
PROMOTION), ARGUING THAT THIS WOULD PROVIDE GREATEST EF-  
FICIENCY AND FLEXIBILITY. SWEDEN AGREED AND SUGGESTED  
THAT COMMITMENTS SHOULD BE MADE FOR LONGER PERIODS (THREE  
TO FIVE YEARS) IF POSSIBLE. CANADA, HOWEVER, TOOK EX-  
CEPTION TO WAY "NON-FINANCIAL" CONTRIBUTIONS WERE TREATED  
IN WORKING PAPER (I.E., STATEMENT OF EXPECTATION "THAT  
NON-FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE SMALL IN RELATION TO  
FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS" AND STATEMENT THAT "NON-FINANCIAL  
CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED BY TEXTUAL COMMENTS  
RATHER THAN BY SHOWING THEIR CASH EQUIVALENT IN NUMERICAL  
PORTIONS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS". CANADIAN REP (LADOUCEUR)  
SAID HE DID NOT SEE WHY NON-FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS SHOULD  
NECESSARILY BE SMALL IN RELATION TO CASH CONTRIBUTIONS TO  
CENTRAL FUND AND WHY THEY SHOULD BE SEEN AS INTRINSICALLY  
DIFFERENT FROM FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS. USDEL SPEAKING  
INFORMALLY AS OBSERVER EXPRESSED AGREEMENT WITH CANADIAN  
POSITION, NOTING THAT METHOD OF FINANCING PROPOSED ACTI-  
VITIES SEEMED TO BE SECONDARY CONSIDERATION SO LONG AS  
SUCH ACTIVITIES WERE PART OF APPROVED "CORE" PROGRAM FOR  
ANY GIVEN YEAR AND ACTIVITIES LENT THEMSELVES TO VARIETY  
OF FINANCING METHODS. GROUP ULTIMATELY AGREED WITH THIS  
INTERPRETATION AND LEFT WAY OPEN FOR TREATING IN-KIND CON-  
TRIBUTIONS IN APPROPRIATE MANNER.

C. FUTURE TIMETABLE  
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DR. LUCAS DISTRIBUTED LIST (ALSO POUCHED) SHOWING  
TITLES AND LENGTH OF DOCUMENTS UNDER PREPARATION. ALL  
DOCUMENTS (TOTALING 672 PAGES PLUS 300 PAGE INVENTORY OF  
AFRICAN RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS) SCHEDULED FOR DISTRIBUTION  
IN EARLY SEPTEMBER. TECHNICAL REVIEW GROUP (HIGH LEVEL  
SCIENTIFIC PANEL OF APPROXIMATELY 20 MEMBERS) IS TO MEET  
LATE SEPTEMBER/EARLY OCTOBER TO REVIEW AND PRONOUNCE IT-

SELF UPON THIS DOCUMENTATION AS WELL AS PRIORITIES WITHIN PROPOSED TDR STRATEGY. RESULTS OF TECHNICAL REVIEW MEETING WILL BE DISTRIBUTED IN OCTOBER AND DR. LUCAS PLANS TO HOLD CONSULTATIONS THEREAFTER ON BILATERAL OR "SMALL INFORMAL GROUP" BASIS WITH KEY PARTIES. IT IS PRESENTLY

PLANNED THAT MEETING OF ENLARGED GROUP (LARGER THAN ANY WHICH HAS MET PREVIOUSLY ON TDR BUT NOT REPEAT NOT THE SO-CALLED HEADS OF AGENCY MEETING) WILL BE HELD IN GENEVA DEC 6 TO 8. THIS MEETING IS NOW SEEN AS ONE WHICH WILL GIVE SIGNIFICANT ADDED IMPETUS TO PROGRAM (AGREEING AT LEAST ON INFORMAL BASIS TO LAUNCH THE ORGANIZATIONAL BODIES, REVIEW THE TOTALITY OF THE PROGRAM AS WELL AS THE PROPOSED 1977 BUDGET, ETC.), BUT IT NOT EXPECTED THAT GOVERNMENTS WOULD UNDERTAKE FORMAL COMMITMENTS TOWARD THE PROGRAM AS A WHOLE AT THAT TIME.

2. BOTH MATHIESON AND LADOUCEUR EXPECT TO BE IN US LATER THIS MONTH AND PLAN CONTACT BELCHER.DALE

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